



YRCDC UPDATE:

July 12, 2007 – Yellowstone River Tour. Mr. John Paul Woodley, Jr. Assistant Secretary of the Army and nine other representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers attended the Yellowstone River tour. In total, 57 people attended this event. During a jet-boat tour, we covered approximately 20 miles of river in 3 hours stopping to view the Huntley Irrigation Diversion Dam and a bank stabilization project, upstream near the confluence with the Clark's Fork, using bendway weirs. This tour gave participants the opportunity to view not only the most urban and impacted area of the Yellowstone River, but also some of the most beautiful and unique landscapes on the river. The meeting also provided the Council with the opportunity to discuss the Cumulative Effects Study with our federal partners, representatives from other organizations, and our congressional delegation.



July 22-27, 2007 - The great Yellowstone River Clean-Up project! During this



project, we removed nearly 10 tons of litter and debris from the banks of the Yellowstone River. We are very proud to report that each of our constituent Conservation Districts participated in the great Yellowstone River Clean-Up project. Throughout each day CD representatives met with the MCC staff and volunteers to stress the importance of this project and explain how it fits in with the greater role that

conservation districts play in Montana and nationwide. Our CD's also coordinated with local volunteer groups including the Boy Scouts, and the Lions Club. Additionally, they worked with the local media, including newspapers and television, donated home cooked meals, cold drinks, hats, t-shirts, and swim and movie passes to the crews. Thank you to everyone who helped us to succeed!



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August 29 – 30th, 2007 – Tour of Intake, the Confluence, and the I-94 Bridge at Glendive.

This event combined a year's worth of events into two beautiful days in eastern Montana! First, participants attended the MORAST (Missouri River Association of States & Tribes) tour of Intake Irrigation Diversion Dam. We heard representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, discuss



their plans to build the first-ever Pallid Sturgeon fish ladder in an effort to protect and preserve the endangered species. Next, we traveled to the Yellowstone – Missouri Confluence Interpretive Center for a YRCDC meeting, a joint meeting with the MRCDC, and to enjoy a meal together in the lovely rotunda. The next day, we traveled to Glendive to meet with the Dawson County CD, the City of Glendive, and the Dawson County Commissioners to share ideas about Intake and the I-94 bridge issue. In the afternoon, we toured the I-94 bridge area. Overall, the event was a terrific success not only did the YRCDC learn a great deal about these issues, but laid foundations and established relationships with the people and organizations involved.

Cumulative Effects Study. The study is moving along at a very sharp pace due to the \$1.1 million in federal funding from the Army Corps of Engineers. We are wrapping up the 2nd year of the Avian Study, as well as the Riparian Study. We are also moving forward with the topographic mapping/aerial photography, hydrology & hydraulics, bridge surveys, and the fisheries scope.

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